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To: Rules

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE LEGACY OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF DR.  
2 F.E. (ED) THOMPSON, JR., STATE HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE STATE OF  
3 MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS SELECTION AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
4 FOR THE FEDERAL CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL.

5 WHEREAS, long-time Executive Director of the State Department  
6 of Health, Dr. F.E. (Ed) Thompson, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., has been  
7 selected as the Deputy Director for Public Health Programs and  
8 Services, of the federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) and  
9 ATSDR; and

10 WHEREAS, F.E. Thompson, Jr., M.D., has been the State Health  
11 Officer of Mississippi since 1993. He holds an M.D. degree from  
12 the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and an M.P.H.  
13 degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.  
14 He is board certified in Preventive Medicine, and is a Clinical  
15 Associate Professor of Preventive Medicine at the University of  
16 Mississippi School of Medicine; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1980, Dr. Thompson began his career in public  
18 health in the Mississippi State Department of Health, first as a  
19 Physician and then as Deputy Chief for Disease Control from  
20 1982-1985. From 1983-1993, Dr. Thompson was the State  
21 Epidemiologist, and from 1985-1993, he was the Chief of the Bureau  
22 of Preventive Health Services for the Mississippi State Department  
23 of Health; and

24 WHEREAS, prior to becoming Mississippi's State Health  
25 Officer, he served as Mississippi's State Epidemiologist for ten  
26 years. He is a past President of the Council of State and  
27 Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), and the Association of State  
28 and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). He currently serves on



29 ASTHO's Infectious Disease Policy Committee and the ASTHO  
30 Anti-Terrorism Preparedness Task Force; and

31 WHEREAS, from 1988-1993, Dr. Thompson was a member of the  
32 Executive Committee for the Council of State and Territorial  
33 Epidemiologists (CSTE), and he was President of CSTE from  
34 1992-1993. From 1998-2001, he was a member of the Executive  
35 Committee for the Association of State and Territorial Health  
36 Officials (ASTHO), and he was President of ASTHO from 1998-1999.  
37 In addition, Dr. Thompson is currently a member of CDC's Advisory  
38 Committee to the Director and serves on several ASTHO committees,  
39 including the Infectious Disease Policy Committee and the  
40 Anti-Terrorism Preparedness Task Force; and

41 WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson has co-authored 11 publications in  
42 nationally recognized journals, on topics such as immunization  
43 requirements, influenza, HIV/AIDS and tobacco. Dr. Thompson also  
44 provided testimony to Congress on numerous occasions representing  
45 the American Public Health Association, the Mississippi Department  
46 of Health, ASTHO and various other organizations; and

47 WHEREAS, Dr. Thompson has presented excellent and progressive  
48 recommendations for public health program initiatives and funding  
49 to the Legislature, has been a respected spokesman for public  
50 health in the Legislature, and his expertise will be missed; and

51 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that we recognize the long  
52 public health service of this health professional who has brought  
53 honor to the State of Mississippi:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
55 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the legacy of public  
56 service of Dr. F.E. (Ed) Thompson, Jr., Mississippi State Health  
57 Officer, upon the occasion of his selection as Deputy Director for  
58 the federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) and ATSDR, and extend  
59 to him and his family the best wishes of the Senate for future  
60 success in their endeavors.



61           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
62 Dr. Thompson, his wife, Marsha, and daughter, be forwarded to the  
63 State Board of Health, and be made available to the Capitol Press  
64 Corps.

